

Appl. No. 10/801,492
Amdt. dated March 21, 2006
Reply to Office Action of February 6, 2006

Atty. Ref. 88522.0002
Customer No. 26021

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3A. This sheet, which includes Figs. 3A, 3B and 3C, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 3A, 3B and 3C. In Fig. 3A, previously omitted reference signs 41M, 41C, 41Y and 41K have been added.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Elections/Restrictions

Claims 23-50, which are drawn to a non-elected species, are canceled, without prejudice. Claims 1-22 are now pending.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) as not including reference sign 41 mentioned at page 15, line 14 of the specification. In response, the specification is amended to individually refer to developing rollers 41Y, 41C, 41M and 41K, and the group designation "41" is deleted. Fig. 3A is correspondingly amended to include reference signs 41Y, 41C, 41M and 41K to designate the developing rollers.

Fig. 1 of the drawings is objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) as including reference signs 41M and 41C that are not mentioned in the description. As noted above, the description has been amended to include reference to 41M and 41C.

Fig. 17 of the drawings is objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) as including reference signs R1 and R2 that are not mentioned in the specification. In response, the specification is amended at page 60 to designate the two voltage-dividing resistors as R1 and R2.

In view of these amendments, applicant submits that the drawings are now in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). The objections should be withdrawn.

Specification

The Action objects to the Abstract under MPEP 608.01(b) and suggests that "(Fig. 6)" should be deleted from the last line of the Abstract. The Abstract is amended as suggested, and is further amended to remove drawing reference numbers.

As requested, at page 13, line 21, "101d" is changed to "101b"; and a period is placed at the end of the sentence at page 21, line 7.

The Action also asserts that the meaning of "lest" is unclear at page 14, line 15. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection, since "lest" is well understood to mean "in order that something might not happen" (i.e., as in "lest we forget"). However, for purposes of clarification, the sentence in question is amended as follows: "This is because it is necessary to securely detect that the photosensitive member cartridge 2 is mounted lest so that the developing unit 4 ~~should be~~ is not rotated in the incompletely mounted state of the photosensitive member cartridge 2 to damage the apparatus." The meaning of the amended sentence is the same as the original sentence, with the exception that the word "lest" is replaced with alternative phrasing that has the same meaning. No new matter is added.

Allowed Claims

The allowance of claims 1-22 is noted and appreciated.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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FIG. 3 A

HOME POSITION

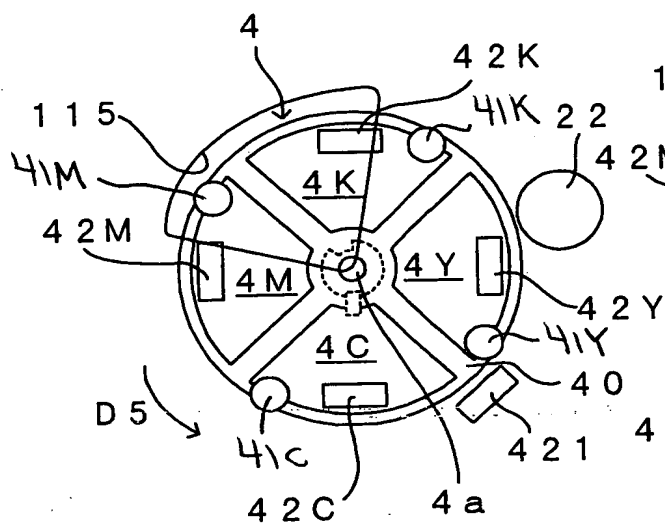


FIG. 3 B

DEVELOPING POSITION
(READING/WRITING POSITION)

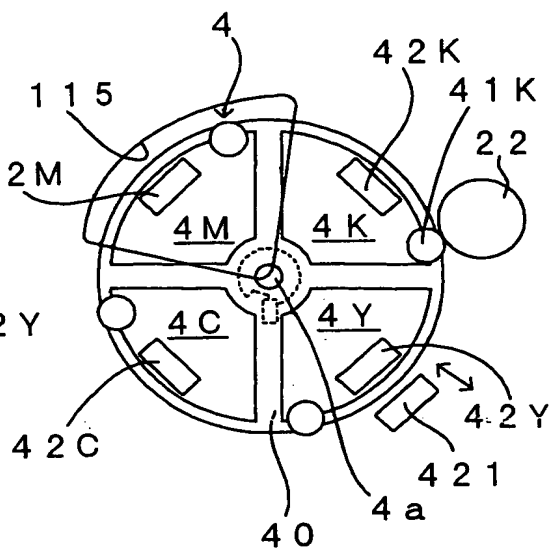


FIG. 3 C

DETACHMENT POSITION

